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None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G06K9/00 G06K9/62

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G06K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>SHAKUNAGA T ET AL: "Decomposed eigenface for face recognition under various lighting conditions"</p> <p>PROCEEDINGS 2001 IEEE CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER VISION AND PATTERN RECOGNITION. CVPR 2001. KAUAI, HAWAII, DEC. 8 - 14, 2001, PROCEEDINGS OF THE IEEE COMPUTER CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER VISION AND PATTERN RECOGNITION, LOS ALAMITOS, CA, IEEE COMP. SOC, US,</p> <p>vol. 1 OF 2, 8 December 2001 (2001-12-08), pages 864-871, XP010583836 ISBN: 0-7695-1272-0</p> <p>Sections "3. Decomposed Eigenface", "6.1. Discriminant Functions", "6.4 Recognition using three Features"</p> <p>sec</p>	1-18

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